



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 30, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Downtown Organization Maintenance Agreement Fiscal Year 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute an agreement in the amount of \$696,400 with the Downtown Organization (DO) for landscape maintenance, sidewalk cleaning, and general maintenance of the 00-1200 blocks of State Street from Victoria Street to Cabrillo Boulevard, including the 101 underpass and various cross streets from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

DISCUSSION:

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the City of Santa Barbara contracts with the DO to provide landscape maintenance, sidewalk cleaning, and general maintenance of the 00-1200 blocks of State Street and many of the cross streets between Chapala and Anacapa Streets. The primary purpose of the contract is to maintain State Street in a clean, neat, and attractive condition. Services provided by the DO include:

- Landscape maintenance and plant installation in accordance with State Street Maintenance Guidelines
- Trash and litter removal
- Sidewalk washing using new water recovery system
- Cleaning and painting of all vertical surfaces of kiosks, planters, fountains, telephone booths
- Cleaning and maintenance of decorative fountains; cleaning drinking fountains
- Regular maintenance of Paseo between Borders Books and the Fiesta Five movie theater
- Repair of vandalized or broken irrigation system components
- Regular maintenance at Storke Placita
- Providing City staff with notice of safety hazards
- Quarterly year-to-date expenditure report
- Annual report

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Funding for this contract, \$696,400, is included in the Fiscal Year 2009 budget. The agreement represents an increase of \$32,700 from Fiscal Year 2008. The 4.9% increase includes additional funding support for salaries, materials and supplies, and administration.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Landscape maintenance on State Street supports the City's sustainability goals. The DO uses hand weeding in landscape maintenance to control weeds. The use of "Green" materials and methods helps the City of Santa Barbara become more sustainable.

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